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Title: IMAGE READING METHOD, IMAGE READING APPARATUS, IMAGE READING SYSTEM, AND IMAGE READING PROGRAM
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 10, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time for Two Months to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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